

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1968
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States President and the Security Council of the United Nations to renegotiate the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to provide that any taking of land in the Trust Territory by the Administering Authority for military use shall be subject to ratification by the Congress of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was placed under the United States as a Trust Territory by means of a Trusteeship Agreement approved by the Security Council of the United Nations on April 2, 1947, and by the United States Government on July 18, 1947, after due constitutional process; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of said Trusteeship Agreement, the United States as an Administering Authority is entitled, among other things, "to establish naval, military and air bases and to erect fortifications;" and, "to station and employ armed forces in the Trust Territory"; and

WHEREAS, the total land mass in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is limited and the needs of the people for available lands for further advancement should be in the first order of priority, and any taking of lands in the Trust Territory for military use by the Administering Authority constitutes the loss of the lands and resources of the people thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia as constituted represents the people of the Trust Territory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1968, the House of Representatives concurring, that the United States President and the Security Council of the United Nations be and they are requested to renegotiate the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to provide that any taking of land in the Trust Territory by the Administering Authority for military use shall be subject to ratification by the Congress of Micronesia; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the United States President, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Secretary of the Department of State, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.
